



Saguaro National Park News Release

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SAGUARO NATIONAL PARK TO OFFER FREE ADMISSION TO CELEBRATE THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S 97TH BIRTHDAY

Tucson, AZ – Enjoy a weekend of late summer fun in your backyard national park, with free admission to Saguaro National Park this Sunday, August 25. Saguaro National Park joins all 401 other national park sites across the country in waiving entrance fees on Sunday.

“America’s best idea turns 97 years old this weekend,” according to Andy Fisher, Chief of Interpretation for Saguaro National Park. “We invite our community to join us in celebrating Founders’ Day in their national park. The park will host additional ranger programs to reflect on nearly a century of National Park Service history.”

Join Ranger Jeff Wallner in the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center (east) at 10 am for ***Arizona’s National Treasures***, a look at the diversity of parks across Arizona and at 2pm for ***50 states and 50 parks***, which explores 50 different national park sites across the country.

In addition to free entrance into the park, Western National Parks Association (WNPA) will offer a 15% discount on all book and gift sales to all visitors in both of Saguaro National Park’s visitor centers.

Active duty members of the U.S. Military and their dependents are reminded that they may be issued a free America the Beautiful pass any day between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at either visitor center. This pass will permit the pass owner, and up to 3 other adults traveling with them, entrance into all National Parks for 12 months. They must show a current, valid military identification card to qualify for the pass. Additional passes are available to anyone for purchase, including the Interagency Senior, Annual, and Access Passes. Inquire inside either visitor center for additional information.

Please remember that the fee free day waives entrance fees only. Additional user fees, such as backcountry camping permit fees, still apply.

For more information on Saguaro National Park, please visit the park's web site at www.nps.gov/sagu.

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